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This memorandum reports the significant changes on airfields, POL storage, defenses, and the transportation situation in Southeast China as observed in aerial photography flown between [redacted]

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AIRFIELDS

Lien Cheng ( $25^{\circ}40'N-116^{\circ}40'E$ ): Construction activity continues. No significant changes appeared.

Mui-An ( $25^{\circ}02'N-118^{\circ}48'E$ ): An outer marker beacon has been added to the beam approach landing system reported in GP/I-144. The entire landing system is similar to that installed on Ching-Yang, Lung-Chi and Lung-Tien airfields.

Ching-Yang ( $24^{\circ}47'N-118^{\circ}35'E$ ): One battery of eight heavy anti-aircraft guns located southwest of the airfield has been vacated. This brings the anti-aircraft count at Ching-Yang to four 8-gun heavy duty AA positions and five 4-gun medium AA positions.

Lung-Chi ( $24^{\circ}33'N-117^{\circ}39'E$ ): The anti-aircraft defenses continue to change.

Swatow N.E. ( $23^{\circ}26'N-116^{\circ}46'E$ ): No significant change was noted.

Old Swatow ( $23^{\circ}22'N-116^{\circ}43'E$ ): The 4-gun medium anti-aircraft battery defending the airfield and all but two of the barracks previously reported on the south end of the old earth surface runway have been removed.

Nan-tai ( $26^{\circ}00'N-119^{\circ}28'E$ ): The storage area located approximately 4 miles ESE of the airfield, previously reported in GP/I-108, appears near completion. Six new revetted buildings, two of which are still under construction, and a new four gun medium AA battery were revealed on

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[REDACTED] photography. Two formerly occupied four gun medium AA batteries located about the airfield were unoccupied on photography.

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Lung-tien ( $25^{\circ}34'N-119^{\circ}28'E$ ): The white objects scattered on the runway had disappeared. There was a large amount of black unidentified material scattered about the airfield vicinity on [REDACTED] and it appeared that the runway surface was still being worked on. A new 8-gun heavy battery has been located approximately 2 miles WNW of the airfield. This was formerly a 4-gun position and gives the airfield a total of four 8-gun heavy AA batteries.

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Chienou ( $27^{\circ}03'N-118^{\circ}18'E$ ): Photography of [REDACTED] showed no change or activity on this inactive airfield.

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#### POL STORAGE

Tung-an ( $25^{\circ}58'N-117^{\circ}22'E$ ): Located approximately two miles east of Tungan are seven revetted POL storage tanks 60 feet in diameter. Five of the tanks are completed and two are still under construction. Associated with the tanks are two sheds 140'X 30' and eleven additional buildings averaging 80' X 30' under construction or completed.

#### DEFENSES

Pehling Peninsula: Little activity was noted. The gun count remained at 24 medium AA guns and 28 Field artillery pieces.

Hai-Tan Island ( $25^{\circ}33'N-119^{\circ}48'E$ ): No activity or new construction was observed.

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Chin-Hua (29°07'N-119°39'E): Photo coverage of [redacted] revealed 25X1D a new military encampment one mile northwest of Chin-hua. The barracks area consisted of 306 barracks 45' X 150', 98 barracks 40' X 75', 53 support buildings 45' X 150', 51 support buildings 40' X 75', and 2 support buildings 225' X 75'. One major and 2 secondary headquarters are evident. Vehicle activity was light with approximately a dozen trucks in the area.

TRANSPORTATION

Railroad: Construction work is progressing rapidly on the northern section of the railroad between Kuang-tsi and Ying-tan. There are at least ten tunnels along this section. Work trains were as far south as Tzu-chi (27°47'N-117°07'E) on [redacted] photography. Construction is progressing rapidly on the section of railroad between Kuang-tse and Yungan. The rail bed here is probably 20% complete.

There are faint indications of railroad survey lines and construction work between Yungan and Chein-tien (25°43'N-117°30'E). The railroad will run from Yungan to Changping crossing the mountains at 25°49'N-117°29'E. Preliminary construction work is in progress from Chien-tien to Chang-ping. There are at least five tunnels under construction in this area.

The railroad survey extends from Chang-ping to a point twelve miles north of Lung-chi. The railroad will cross the Chiu-lung River twice and will pass through at least one tunnel. A road is under construction along this section of railroad. The old rail bed extending westward from the rail terminus at Sung-hsu is being rebuilt.

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roads and Vehicles: A new road is under construction running southeast from Fu-ting ( $27^{\circ}18'N-120^{\circ}12'E$ ) towards Sha-Cheng on the coast.

On photography dated [REDACTED] approximately 270 trucks were noted in Nan-ping ( $26^{\circ}38'N-118^{\circ}10'E$ ). River traffic was heavy in the Nan-ping area. The cement plant was in operation and cement was being loaded into sampans along the river. A probable hospital, military headquarters and barracks were located in Nan-ping. There were also several military storage areas. The warehouses in these storage areas are dispersed among the narrow valleys which affords maximum protection. One area was completely fenced and contained three partially revetted buildings. This area is probably a POL or ammunition storage area. A four gun medium anti-aircraft battery is located near the headquarters area. 25X1D

On photography of [REDACTED] approximately 190 trucks were noted in Chien-ou ( $27^{\circ}03'N-118^{\circ}19'E$ ). Very little river traffic was observed in the vicinity. In addition, there appeared to be no military construction or activity in the area. North of Chien-ou a small radio station and revetted storage building were located.

Shipping: On [REDACTED] photography a 325 foot cargo ship was observed off the POL storage area apposite MaWei. This vessel was attended by several small sampans. On the same date 13 patrol type craft were noted at Kuan-tou. Also at Kuan-tou were 30 trucks and a four gun medium AA battery. 25X1D

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